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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR OF HUMAN AND HEALTH SERVICES**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced that she has named Patricia Stevens of Rochester to be the Director of the County's Human and Health Services Department (DHHS). Stevens will begin her new position July 1.

"This is truly an exciting day. We are pleased to introduce Rochester native Patricia Stevens as the Director of the Human and Health Services Department," said Brooks. "This is one of the most critical positions in County government and impacts the entire community. Patricia has statewide experience, proven management skills, and extensive knowledge of important human service issues. It is a privilege to have her on our team."

As part of her collaborative and inclusive approach to County government, in January 2004, Brooks formed a DHHS Director Search Committee representing a cross-section of community leaders. Fran Weisberg, President and CEO of Lifespan, chaired the committee.

At the announcement today, Weisberg said, "The eleven member committee worked diligently and intensively to find the most qualified candidates for this important position. We also held nearly a dozen 'community conversations' with various stakeholder groups to get their input on what qualities and qualifications the community was looking for. "

Stevens is from Rochester and currently serves as Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Division of Temporary Assistance, in Albany. In that position, she oversees a portion of the Division's \$4.8 billion budget, and a staff of 112 professionals. From 1992 to 1995, she worked in the administration of Monroe County Executive Bob King. She is a graduate of State University College at Brockport and holds two Master's degrees. She is also a Ph.D. candidate at University at Buffalo.

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Human and Health Services represents 52 percent of the County's budget, over \$500 million. The Department has 900 employees, out of 4,700 employees countywide.

"Patricia Stevens will play a vital role in implementing our community vision centered around innovative partnerships and a cooperative approach that engages local service providers, empowers employees to better serve clients, and protects taxpayers," Brooks concluded.